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IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,
IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS,
IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM, AND
IMAGE DECODING PROGRAM

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
5,333,212	07/26/1994	Ligtenberg

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Office Action from co-pending US Application No. 12/191,563, dated May 11, 2010, 13 pages.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Reference N1 was cited in the Office Action from co-pending US

Application No. 12/191,563, dated May 11, 2010 (Reference N2). Reference US 6,529,634 was also cited in the Office Action and has been previously disclosed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

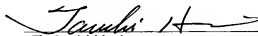
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Respectfully submitted,

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